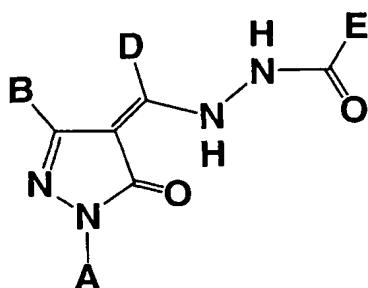


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 5 as follows:

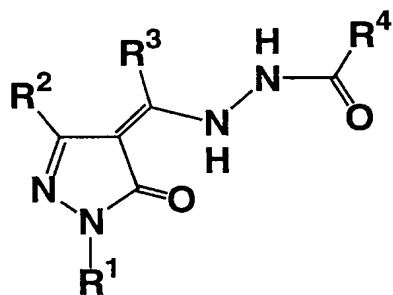
Namely, the present invention relates to a pyrazolone compound represented by the formula (1)



Formula (1)

wherein A is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group (the C₂₋₁₄ aryl group may be optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, one or more C₁₋₃ alkyl groups substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, one or more halogen atoms, one or more nitro groups, one or more C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl groups, one or more hydroxyl groups or one or more amino groups (the hydroxyl group and the amino group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group)), B is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group, D is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group, and E is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group (the C₂₋₁₄ aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more hydroxyl groups, one or more nitro groups, one or more halogen atoms, one or more cyano groups, one or more C₁₋₃ alkyl groups substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, NG¹G² (wherein G¹ and G² are independently hydrogen atoms, formyl groups, C₁₋₆ alkyl groups or C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl groups), one or more carboxyl groups, one or more sulfonic acid groups, one or more phosphonic acid groups, one or more ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl groups (the ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl

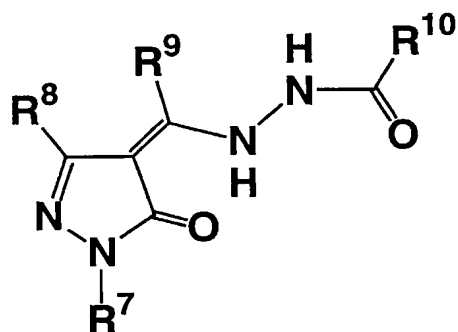
group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group), one or more ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl groups (the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group), one or more ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl groups, one or more ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl groups, one or more tetrazole groups, one or more C₁₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl groups or X(CYZ)_nCO₂H (wherein X is CH₂, O, S or NG³ (G³ is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a formyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkyl carbonyl group), Y and Z are independently hydrogen atoms or C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3)), a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound or a solvate thereof, a thrombopoietin receptor activator, a preventive, therapeutic or improving agent for diseases against which activation of the thrombopoietin receptor is effective which contains the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient, and a platelet increasing agent containing the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient. It also relates to a pyrazolone compound represented by the formula (2)



Formula (2)

wherein R¹ is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group (the C₂₋₁₄ aryl group may be optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, one or more C₁₋₃ alkyl groups substituted with one or more

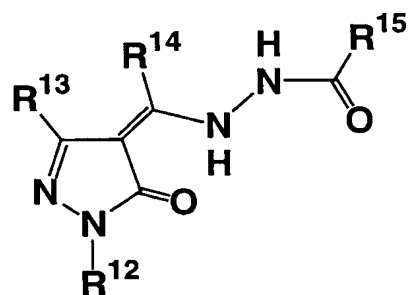
fluorine atoms, one or more halogen atoms, one or more nitro groups, one or more C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl groups, one or more hydroxyl groups or one or more amino groups (the hydroxyl group and the amino group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group)), R² is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group, and R⁴ is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group (the C₂₋₁₄ aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more hydroxyl groups, one or more nitro groups or NR⁵R⁶ (wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are independently hydrogen atoms, formyl groups, C₁₋₆ alkyl groups or C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl groups)), a tautomer prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound or a solvate thereof, a thrombopoietin receptor activator, a preventive, therapeutic or improving agent for diseases against which activation of the thrombopoietin receptor is effective which contains the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient, and a platelet increasing agent containing the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient. It further relates to a pyrazolone compound represented by the formula (3)



Formula (3)

wherein R^7 is a C_{2-14} aryl group (the C_{2-14} aryl group may be optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkyl groups, one or more C_{1-3} alkyl groups substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, one or more halogen atoms, one or more nitro groups, one or more C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl groups, one or more hydroxyl groups or one or more amino groups (the hydroxyl group and the amino group may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group or a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group)), R^8 is a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-3} alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C_{2-14} aryl group, R^9 is a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-3} alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C_{2-14} aryl group, and R^{10} is a C_{2-14} aryl group (the C_{2-14} aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more carboxyl groups, one or more sulfonic acid groups, one or more phosphonic acid groups, one or more ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl groups, one or more ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl groups, one or more ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl groups, one or more ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl groups, one or more tetrazole groups, one or more C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl groups or $X(CYZ)_nCO_2H$ (wherein X is CH_2 , O, S or NR^{11} (R^{11} is a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a formyl group or a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group), Y and Z are independently hydrogen atoms or C_{1-3} alkyl groups, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3)), a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound or a solvate thereof, a thrombopoietin receptor activator, a preventive, therapeutic or improving agent for diseases against which activation of the thrombopoietin receptor is effective which contains the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient, and a platelet increasing agent containing the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof

as an active ingredient. It still further relates to a pyrazolone compound represented by the formula (4)



Formula (4)

wherein R^{12} is a C_{2-14} aryl group (the C_{2-14} aryl group may be optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkyl groups, one or more C_{1-3} alkyl groups substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, one or more halogen atoms, one or more nitro groups, one or more C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl groups, one or more hydroxyl groups or one or more amino groups (the hydroxyl group and the amino group may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group or a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group)), R^{13} is a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-3} alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C_{2-14} aryl group, R^{14} is a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-3} alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or a C_{2-14} aryl group, and R^{15} is a C_{2-14} aryl group (the C_{2-14} aryl group is substituted with a substituent selected from a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C_{1-3} alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group (the ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group) and with a substituent selected from a carboxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphonic acid group, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl

group, a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, a tetrazole group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl group and X(CYZ)_nCO₂H (wherein X is CH₂, O, S or NR¹⁶ (R¹⁶ is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a formyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkyl carbonyl group), Y and Z are independently hydrogen atoms or C₁₋₃ alkyl groups, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3)), a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound or a solvate thereof, a thrombopoietin receptor activator, a preventive, therapeutic or improving agent for diseases against which activation of the thrombopoietin receptor is effective which contains the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient, and a platelet increasing agent containing the thrombopoietin receptor activator, a tautomer, prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the thrombopoietin receptor activator or a solvate thereof as an active ingredient.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 11 as follows:

Substituents: a carboxyl group, sulfonic acid group, a phosphonic acid group, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, a sulfamide group, a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl group, a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, CH₂CO₂H, OCH₂CO₂H, NHCH₂CO₂H, CH₂CH₂CO₂H and a tetrazole group.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 24 as follows:

Substituents: a carboxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphonic acid group, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl group, a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, CH₂CO₂H, OCH₂CO₂H, NHCH₂CO₂H, CH₂CH₂CO₂H and a tetrazole group.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 17 as follows:

Substituent set A: a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group (the ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 23 as follows:

Substituent set B: a carboxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphonic acid group, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl group, a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, CH₂CO₂H, OCH₂CO₂H, NHCH₂CO₂H, CH₂CH₂CO₂H and a tetrazole group.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 10 as follows:

Substituent set A: a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group (the ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 16 as follows:

Substituent set B: a carboxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphonic acid group, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl group, a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, CH₂CO₂H, OCH₂CO₂H, NHCH₂CO₂H, CH₂CH₂CO₂H and a tetrazole group.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 22 as follows:

19) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group substituted with a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 26 as follows:

20) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a phenyl group or pyridyl group substituted with a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 4 as follows:

21) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a thienyl group, furyl group or pyridazinyl group substituted with a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 9 as follows:

22) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group substituted with a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 13 as follows:

23) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a phenyl group or pyridyl group substituted with a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 18 as follows:

24) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a thienyl group, furyl group or pyridazinyl group substituted with a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 23 as follows:

25) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a C₂₋₁₄ aryl group substituted with a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 1 as follows:

26) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a phenyl group or pyridyl group substituted with a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 6 as follows:

27) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R¹⁰ is a thienyl group, furyl group or pyridazinyl group substituted with a ~~hydroxycarbamide~~ hydroxycarbamoyl

group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 11 as follows:

28) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R^{10} is a C_{2-14} aryl group substituted with a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 16 as follows:

29) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R^{10} is a phenyl group or pyridyl group substituted with a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 21 as follows:

30) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (3) wherein R^{10} is a thienyl group, furyl group or pyridazinyl group substituted with a ~~hydroxysulfamide~~ hydroxysulfamoyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 13 as follows:

40) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (4) wherein R^{15} is a C_{2-14} aryl group substituted with a substituent selected from a nitro group, a cyano group, a C_{1-3} alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, a ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group (the ~~carbamide~~ carbamoyl group and the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be

substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group) and a halogen atom and with a carboxyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 23 as follows:

41) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (4) wherein R¹⁵ is a phenyl or pyridyl group substituted with a substituent selected from a nitro group, a cyano group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, a ~~earbamide~~ carbamoyl group and a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group (the ~~earbamide~~ carbamoyl group and the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group) and a halogen atom and with a carboxyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 37, line 6 as follows:

42) Pyrazolone compounds represented by the formula (4) wherein R¹⁵ is a thienyl group, furyl group or pyridazinyl group substituted with a substituent selected from a nitro group, a cyano group, a C₁₋₃ alkyl group substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, a ~~earbamide~~ carbamoyl group and a ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group (the ~~earbamide~~ carbamoyl group and the ~~sulfamide~~ sulfamoyl group may be substituted with a C₁₋₆ alkyl group) and a halogen atom and with a carboxyl group, tautomers, prodrugs or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds or solvates thereof.